

House Resolution No. 4038

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State religious institutions which admirably meet the spiritual needs of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Bethany Christian Church in Nodaway County has attained considerable distinction since its founding One Hundred Twenty-five years ago, an event which was celebrated on June 26, 2005; and

Whereas, led for the past eighteen years by Pastor Emmett Reed, Bethany Christian Church observed its One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary after regular Sunday School and worship services with a carry-in dinner at noon and a program and reception at 1:30; and

Whereas, Bethany Christian Church is located on 390th Street three miles south of Highway A near Highway H; and

Whereas, one of the few remaining country churches in the area, Bethany Christian Church was founded in 1880 by B.F. Whipp, Isaac Miller, and W.A. Gardner on two acres of land donated by B.F. Whipp; and

Whereas, L.D. Cook served as the church's first minister, and on the second Sunday in June 1880 the Bethany Christian Church building was dedicated with eighty members present; and

Whereas, Bethany Christian Church has been improved down through the years by converting kerosene lamps to acetylene lights and then electric, removing hitching posts to make way for automotive parking, replacing coal and wood stoves, adding a basement by temporarily elevating the church so the foundation could be dug out, constructing a belfry for a bell donated by the Reverend Charles Aitken of Bartlett, Iowa, in 1937, installing steel siding outside and paneling inside, and having a local artist paint a scene depicting the Jordan River:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the spiritual leadership and accomplishments associated with Bethany Christian Church and to convey to all of those involved, including Pastor Emmett Reed and all of the congregation, this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as they celebrate the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of their religious institution; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Bethany Christian Church in Nodaway County, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4038, adopted July 18, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker